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CONFERENCE (BERLIN: FEBRUARY, 1975)

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COMMERCE FOR BEWT/OEWD (ABRAHAMSON)

1. EMBOFF PARTICIPANTS IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE HAVE CAREFULLY
REVIEWED CONTENTS OF REPORT SUBMITTED AS ENCLOSURE TO
ABRAHAMSON LETTER OF MAY 1, 1975, AND COMMEND BEWT FOR CONCISE,
ACCURATE SUMMATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS ARRIVED
AT BY CONFERENCE WORKING GROUPS.

2. IN PARTICULAR, WE WERE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT SOME OF MORE
CONTROVERSIAL RECOMMENDATIONS SUCH AS ENCOURAGING FSO'S
RETURNING TO U.S. FROM EE POSTS TO VISIT CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
AND TO BE ASSIGNED TO SPEAKING CIRCUIT, CENTRALIZING TRADE
MISSION RECRUITMENT IN BEWT, URGING A CLOSER LOOK WITHIN USG
BE GIVEN TO "CHOSEN INSTRUMENT" APPROACH, ETC., REMAINED IN DRAFT
REPORT AND EXPRESS HOPE THEY WILL ALSO BE RETAINED IN FINAL
REPORT. IN SHORT, WE SEE NEED FOR NO EDITORIAL CUTS AND
RECOMMEND PUBLICATION OF DRAFT REPORT AS IS.

3. EMBASSY AGREES WITH ABRAHAMSON ASSESSMENT THAT
CONFERENCE WAS A SUCCESS FROM EVERY ANGLE AND WE HOPE
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT WILL FIND EARLY
EXPRESSION IN FIRM POLICY GUIDANCE FOR ALL EE POSTS. PERRY
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